

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

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Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby rescinds Chapter 131, “Emergency Medical Services Provider Education/Training/Certification,” Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 131 with the same title.

The rules in Chapter 131 describe the standards for the education, training, and certification of emergency medical care providers and establish a standard of conduct for training programs, students, and providers.

A summary of the major changes from the existing rules follows.

Definitions for “advanced emergency medical technician,” “emergency medical responder,” “emergency medical technician,” and “paramedic” have been added.

The definition for “endorsement” has been revised, and the definition for “emergency rescue technician” has been removed.

Rule 641—131.2(147A) has been revised to include the certification levels of EMT, AEMT and Paramedic.

In subrule 131.3(3), paragraph “b,” the January 2011 Scope of Practice for Iowa EMS Providers is adopted by reference.

In subrule 131.4(1), the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is identified as the certification testing standard.

A new subrule 131.4(3) concerning the transition of current emergency medical care providers to the newly identified levels is added, and the content of existing subrule 131.4(3) is now contained in subrule 131.4(4).

In subrule 131.4(5), which is numbered as 131.4(4) in existing Chapter 131, the newly identified certification levels are incorporated into the renewal requirements, and late renewal applicants are required to report continuing education using the form provided by the Department.

Existing subrule 131.4(5) pertaining to renewal by testing has been deleted.

In subrule 131.4(6), specific continuing education hours are applied to college credit courses.

In subrule 131.4(8), newly identified certification levels are added.

In subrule 131.4(9), current registration with the NREMT is now required for individuals applying for certification by reciprocity in Iowa.

Existing subrule 131.4(10) regarding temporary certification by endorsement has been deleted, and existing subrules 131.4(11) and 131.4(12) are numbered as 131.4(10) and 131.4(11) in new Chapter 131.

In subrule 131.5(1), new education standards are identified for EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic training, and training programs are permitted to waive portions of training for previous emergency medical care provider experience.

In subrule 131.5(10), training programs concluding Paramedic courses after December 31, 2012, must have received, or be in the process of receiving, accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

New subrule 131.7(2) contains language to reflect methods of discipline identified in Iowa Code chapter 272C, including reexamination, requiring additional training, and restricting specific procedures, methods, acts or activities.

The content of existing subrule 131.7(2) relating to grounds for discipline is now contained in subrule 131.7(3).

In subrule 131.8(2), methods of discipline have been reformatted, and content relating to grounds for discipline has been moved to new subrule 131.8(3).

Notice of Intended Action was published in the January 26, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9342B**. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2011. One comment was received supporting the changes. The adopted rules are identical to those published under Notice.

The State Board of Health adopted these rules on March 9, 2011.

These rules will become effective on August 1, 2011.
These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these rules [Ch 131] is being omitted. These rules are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9342B**, IAB 1/26/11.

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